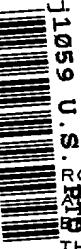


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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/197,682 filed on November 23, 1998, which application was refiled as a continuation prosecution application on August 24, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference,
by

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for

OHMIC CONTACT PLUG HAVING AN IMPROVED CRACK FREE TiN BARRIER METAL IN A CONTACT HOLE AND METHOD OF FORMING THE SAME

1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
2. The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

		LARGE ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY	
BASIC FEE		\$740.00		\$370.00	
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	10-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2-3 =	0	x 84 = \$0.00	x 42 = \$0.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00	
		TOTAL	\$740.00	\$0.00	

3. A check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a. --This application is a continuation division of co-pending Application No. 09/197,682, filed on November 23, 1998, which application was refiled as a continuation prosecution application on August 24, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--
- b. --This application is a continuation division of co-pending Application No. 09/197,682, filed on November 23, 1998. Application No. 09/197,682 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/____/____ filed on ____ under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference.--
6. Enclosed is/are twelve (12) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.

7. A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/197,682 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
8. The prior application is assigned to NEC Corporation of Tokyo, Japan.
9. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 10a. Priority of Application No(s). 09-337708 filed in Japan on November 21, 1997 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on April 2, 1999.
- 10b. Priority of International Appln. _____ filed on _____ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and _____ Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
11. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
12. Address all future communications to:
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13. An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/197,682 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
14. Also enclosed herewith is the following:

Application Data Sheet

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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